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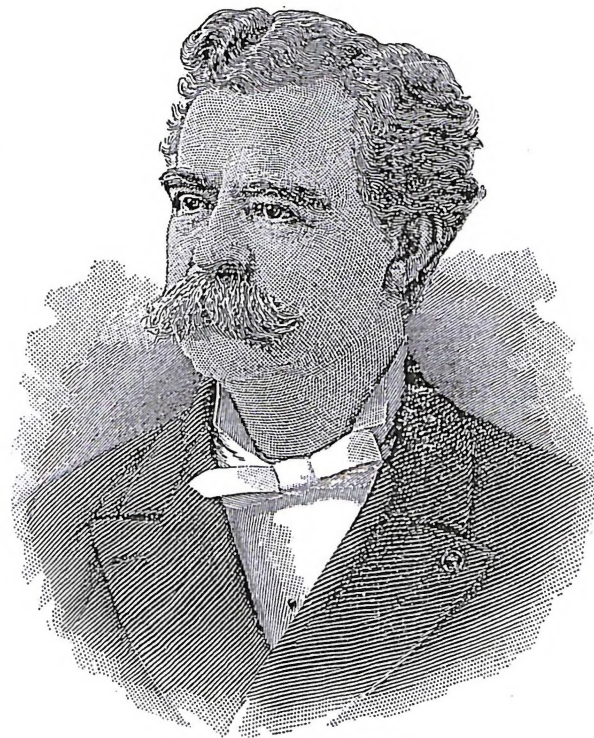
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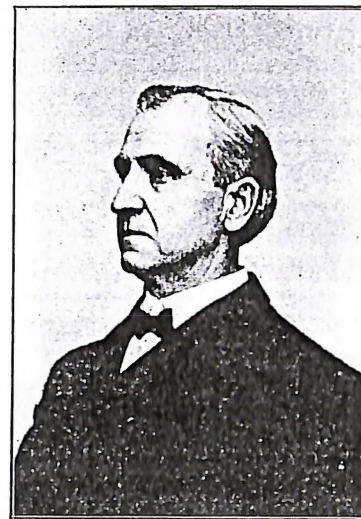
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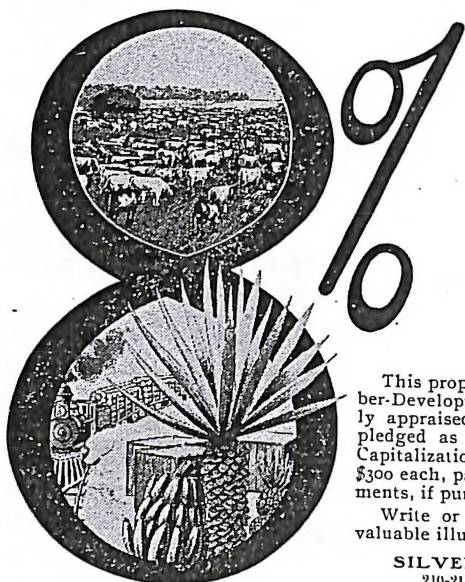
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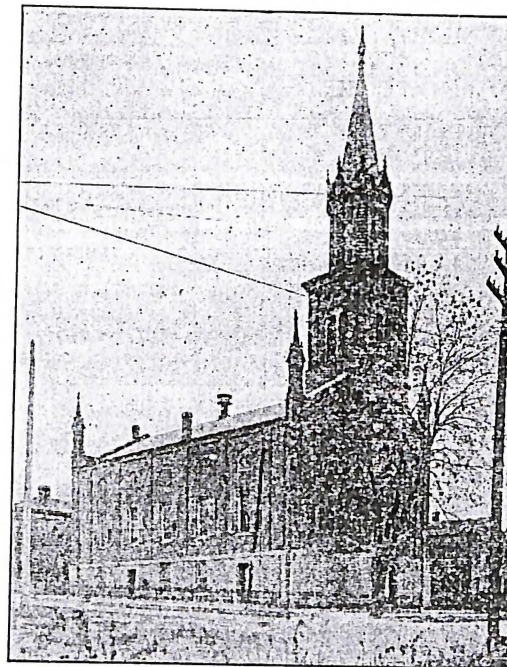
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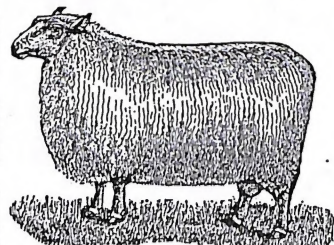
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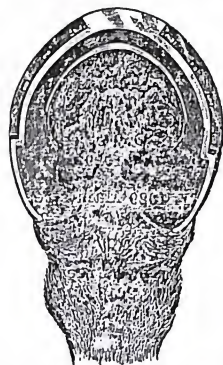
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The early meetings of the station

in Lower Alton were held in a building called Lyceum Hall on Market street. Afterward, a frame building which stood on the corner of Third and Alby streets, the present site of the Unitarian parsonage was purchased from the Baptist society, then about to move to a new church edifice. This structure was bought for \$8,000.00 by Mr. Wm. G. Pinckard and Mr. Hogan, whose intention was to present it to the society. But the financial depression beginning 1837, seriously hampered these gentlemen so that they were unable to pay for the property, and at Mr. Hogan's suggestion, trustees were elected, money was raised in the east to the amount of \$750.00, but both money and building were finally lost in about 1841.

No attempt to secure a church home was made until a year later, when a public meeting of the society was called and steps were taken to obtain a place of worship. The committee appointed having selected a lot on the corner of Fourth and Beall streets (now known as Belle street), were very much surprised when the owner, Mr. J. T. Hudson, presented them with a lot without cost. Thus encouraged they succeeded in building a brick church, and afterwards a parsonage on the lot adjoining on the east. The church then stood on the northeast corner of Fourth and Belle streets.

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Corrington; 1859-61, J. P. Davis, 1861-3, J. T. Hough; 1863-4, Joseph Harris; 1864-71, J. W. Lane; 1871-5, A. B. Morrison; 1876, —; 1877-80, F. L. Thomson; 1880-82, S. P. Groves; 1882-84, C. W. Sabine; 1884-87, J. A. Scarritt; 1887-91, J. W. Caldwell; 1891-2, G. W. Scawthon; 1892-97, F. L. Thomson; 1897-99, M. N. Powers; 1899-1902, G. W. Shepherd; 1902-06, M. H. Ewers.

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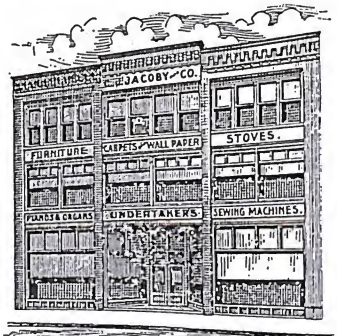
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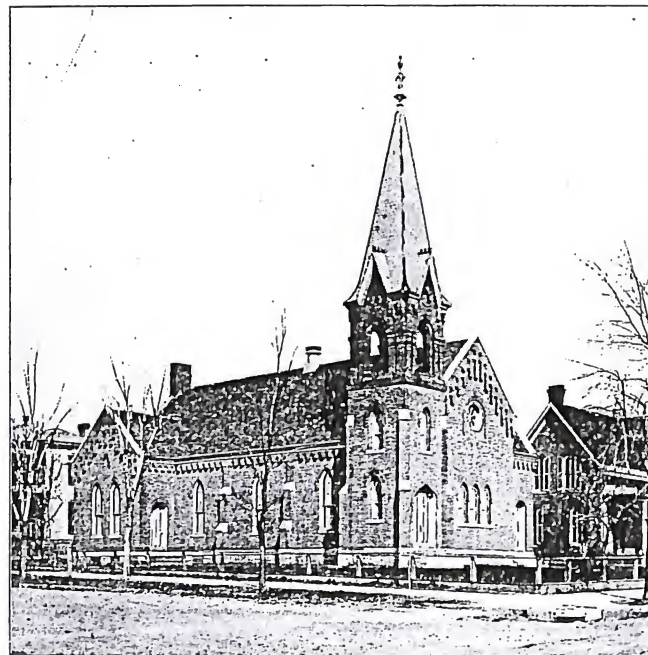
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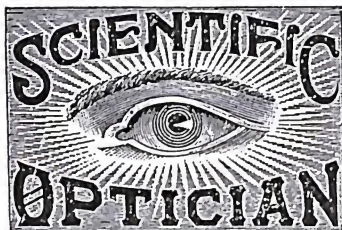
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Upper Alton M. E. Church.

Methodism of Upper Alton is so closely related to early Methodism of the Western Conference, and of the state, that our people are justly proud of the distinction.

This feeling is intensified, when we know that in our first church building Rev. Peter Cartwright often preached and held quarterly conferences, and that on the same spot a session of the Illinois conference was held in 1838 with Bishop Joshua Soule in the chair.

The first Methodist class was organized in Upper Alton in 1817.

This is the record of members. Ebenezer Hodges, Mary Hodges, Jonathan Brown, Dilliah Brown, Oliver Brown and John Seeley.

The first services for the society were held in the small house of Ebenezer Hodges, which stood near where the First Baptist church now is.

It is not known who was the first pastor but it is supposed that the Rev. John Dew, a local preacher, served the class for a time.

The first regular pastor was the Rev. Samuel H. Thompson who served from 1818 to 1820.

Next in order comes the following names as pastors:

1820—Alexander McAllister.
1821—James Scott.
1822—Jesse Hale.
1823-24—John Dew.
1825—Ebenezer T. Webster.
1826-27—Samuel H. Thompson.
1828—Wm. Chambers.
1829—John Dew.
1830—Stith M. Ottwell.
1831—John Dew.
1832—Asabel Phelps.
1833—James Hadley.
1834—Barton Randle.
1835—A. L. Risley.

In this year and possibly by the Rev. Barton Randle the first church building was erected, it was a frame structure and stood across the street

from where the present building is located, the residence of Mr. H. Clay White is on the site of the first church, this building was used until 1849.

1836—Simon Peter and Wm. Mitchell were pastors.

1837—J. Benson and Norman Allyn.

1838—McMurray.

1839-40—William L. Deneen and Daniel Fairbanks.

1841—Morris Hobart.

1842—J. Bastian and C. J. Houts.

1843—John Hatton.

1844—John Mather.

1845—John Burland.

1846—L. Dwight.

1847-48—Thomas Magee. Under this pastorate the present brick building was erected, only a very few of the members then are here now. Mr. M. A. Lowe, gave half of the brick for the building and is yet alive. Bro. Troy Moore, a strong supporter then, and a regular attendant now upon the appointed means of grace and others though the number is small, are here yet, with their prayers and tears for the church they love.

1849—L. C. Pitner.

1850—C. M. Holiday.

1851—B. C. Wood.

1852—J. A. Robinson.

1853—J. S. Estep.

1854—W. G. Moore.

1855—G. W. Robbins.

1856-57—J. W. Caldwell.

1858—L. W. Chandler.

1859—J. D. Gillham.

1860—G. W. Jenks.

1861—W. W. Bridwell and G. W. Jenks.

1862—Joseph Harris.

1863-64—Jacob L. Moore.

1865—W. J. Grant.

1866—James Holloway.

1867-68—J. P. Dew.

1869—C. Nash.

1870-71—J. Gibson.

1872—J. W. Lowe.

1873—C. W. Bonner
 1874-75-76—W. S. Sly.
 1877—Hiram Sears.
 1878-79—S. P. Groves.
 1880-81—L. C. English.
 1882-83—R. H. Massey.
 1884-85-86—G. W. Waggoner.
 1887-88-89—W. A. Cross.
 1890-91—W. F. Davis.
 1892—N. Crow.
 1893-94—J. A. Robinson.
 1895-96-97—J. L. Wylder.
 1898-99—J. A. Large.
 1900-01-02—M. L. Cole.
 1903—W. H. Gannaway.
 1904-05—C. C. Hall.

List of Members.

Burnap, Anna C.
 Blair, Hannah.
 Bradley, Mary.
 Brown, Mary.
 Brown, Grace.
 Burrell, Chas.
 Burton, Ida M.
 Baker, Bessie
 Burton, Nellie
 Boldt, J. C.
 Boldt, Mrs. J. C.
 Chaney, Alvina.
 Campbell, Chas. H.
 Campbell, Emma.
 Creswick Isabel.
 Creswick, Edward.
 Cox, Mary A.
 Coats, Nena.
 Cooper, T. B.
 Cooper, Susan
 Cooper, Alice.
 Cresswell, J. L.
 Cresswell, C. E.
 Cresswell Bessie.
 Cresswell, Carroll.
 Cresswell, Ray.
 Cresswell, Hazel.
 Cresswell, Robert.
 Clark, Lillian.
 Craft, Laura.
 Cartwright, Charity.
 Cartwright Elizabeth.
 Cartwright, Hannah.
 Cathcart, Kate.
 Carter, Julia A.
 Campbell, James.
 Campbell, Alice.
 Campbell, David.
 Coulter, H. T.
 Coulter, M. A.
 Clark, John F.
 Clark, Minnie.

Cook, Edgar A.
 Cummins, Nellie.
 Crouch, Anna.
 Caldwell, May.
 Caldwell, Florence.
 Caldwell, Margaret.
 Deem, H. S.
 Deem, Gertrude.
 Deem, Jay.
 Daily, Margaret.
 Daily, Martha.
 Dunnegan, Martha.
 Daubman, George.
 Daubman, M. R.
 Daubman, Ella
 Deem, Bina.
 Deem, Otis.
 Deitiker, Julia.
 Drum, Mrs. J. L.
 Davis, Sada E.
 Dodson, C. E.
 Dodson, Carrie.
 Dodson, Christine.
 Dodson, Kathleen.
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 Ehrler, Cynthia.
 Elwell, Louisa
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 Edsall, Phoebe.
 Edsall, Harry.
 Edsall, William.
 Elder, Mrs. O. M.
 Ewing, Mrs. M. A.
 Finkenkelier, Julia.
 Ford, A. H.
 Ford, Ellen.
 Fuller, Minnie.
 Fuller, Myra
 Gillham, Mattie.
 Gillham, Lillian.
 Garrell, J. H.
 Garrell, J. H. Mrs.
 Garrell, Pearl.
 Gent, Alice.
 Hays, Sarah E.
 Hulbert, Mary
 Hildebrand, Mary.
 Hall, Katie E.
 Hyak, Edith.
 Johnson, Anna S.
 Johnson, Adelia.
 Johnson, Jennie.
 Kellam, Mary.
 King, Carrie.
 Lowe, M. A.
 Lowe, Susan.
 Lowry, R. L.
 Lowry, Caroline.
 Lowry, Edith.
 Lowry, Grover.

Loehr, Hattie.
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 Layton, Mrs. Orlando.
 Layton, Guy.
 Layton, Herbert.
 Layton, Enoch.
 Layton, Lester.
 Lightner, Adam.
 Lightner, Caroline.
 Lutman, W. F.
 Lutman, Alice.
 Lowe, Louise.
 Leighty, Susan.
 Moore, Troy.
 McReynolds, Mrs. Ella.
 McReynolds, Mamie.
 McReynolds, Jennie.
 Machin, Nellie.
 Morgan, M. A.
 Megowen, Louis Sr.
 Megowen, E. E.
 Megowen, Louis Jr.
 Megowen, Olivia.
 Megowen, Belle.
 Megowen, C. E.
 Megowen, Mae.
 Megowen, James.
 Megowen, J. D.
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 Megowen, Earl.
 Megowen, Lee.
 Megowen, Lyda.
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 Murray, Eurie.
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 Miller, Ruth
 Miller, Esther
 Miller, Zorada
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 Ross, Harry
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 Scovil, Lizzie
 Schattuck, Emma
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 Streeper, C. N.
 Streeper, Matilda A.
 Stevens, Charles
 Smith, Bessie
 Smith, Sarah L.
 Synar, Anna
 Synar, Cora
 Synar, Viola
 Stalder, Effie
 Stalder, Carrie
 Spurgeon, Laura
 Simms, W. Fay
 Simms, Mable
 Stauffer, Lucretia
 Strong, Mrs. O. B.
 St. Clair, Alex.
 St. Clair, Maggie
 Slaten, Louise
 Slaten, R. L.
 Thomas, John H.
 Thomas, Callie
 Vanzant, Mrs. M. H.
 White, Mrs. J. E.
 White, H. Clay
 White, Mary
 Warnock, Mary J.
 Willard, Nellie
 Waggoner, L. H.
 Waggoner, Jennie
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 Weist, Louisa

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 Charles Ross

Church Services.

Preaching, Sunday, 10:45 a. m.,
 7:30 p. m.
 Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
 Epworth League, Sunday, 6:30
 p. m.
 Junior League, Sunday, 2:30
 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30
p. m.

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Epworth League President—H. C.
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Ladies' Aid President—Mrs. J. E.
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Junior League Superintendent—
Nellie Machin.

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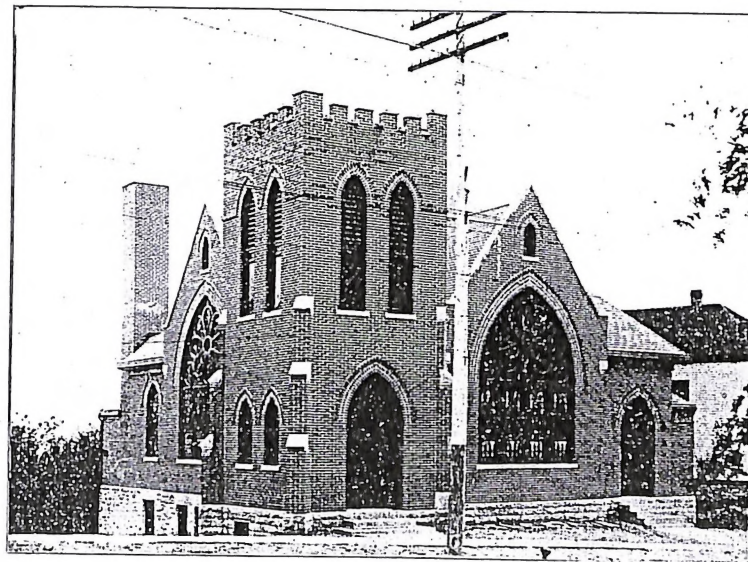
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C. White, Mrs. H. C. White, J. E.
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East Alton, Illinois.

Washington Street M. E. Church.

Washington M. E. Church had its
beginning in a mission Sunday
school worked up by Mrs. Ed. Levis
and organized by Dev. G. W. Wag-
goner and Mr. H. H. Hayes, August
2, 1891.

The Sunday school rented and held
its services in a little one-story,
three-room brick dwelling, situ-
ated on the northeast corner of
Bozza and Washington streets.

Within a short time the quarters
were too small, and Mrs. Ed. Levis,
with her zeal and faith equal to the
occasion, set to work to raise funds
for a new building. The Illinois
Glass Company donated the lot,
where the chapel now stands. Mr.
Ed. Levis, Jr., gave the rock and
hauling, and with the aid of many
others the building was completed
in the fall of 1894.

In November, 1896, Rev. J. W. Able
took charge of the mission as pas-
tor on the promise that Mrs. Levis
would board him and that he should
have the free-will offerings as his
salary. That year he held a revival
meeting resulting in over fifty con-
versions, after which he organized
an independent society, calling it
the Washington Street M. E. Church.

The following have served as pas-
tors: Rev. J. W. Able, four years,
and Rev. J. T. Carson six months.
Rev. C. Harmon succeeded him, and
during his pastorate the remaining
debt was paid and the church was
dedicated September 25, 1901, by
Dr. J. T. Harmon. Rev. J. H. Borah,
three months, followed by Rev. C.
Harmon, who served another six
months and was succeeded by Rev.
C. L. Peterson June 13, 1902, under
whose administration the new
church on Washington street was
erected.

The lot of 100 feet frontage, valued
at \$2,500, was donated by Mr. Ed.
Levis. The building cost \$8,000. It

was dedicated July 30, 1905, by Dr.
J. T. Harmon.

The church has a membership of
77 and a Sunday school enrollment
of 150. Rev. Charles W. Koehler is
the pastor.

Services Washington Street M. E. Church.

Preaching services, every Sabbath,
11 a. m., 8 p. m.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.

Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30
p. m.

Epworth League, Sabbath, 7:00
p. m.

Junior League, Sabbath, 2:30
p. m.

Ladies' Aid, second and fourth
Wednesday in each month, 2 p. m.

Official Members Washington
Street Church.

Trustees—Mr. F. Brazier, Mr. Ed.
Levis, Mrs. G. W. Tindall.

Stewards—Mrs. Ed. Levis, Mrs. F.
M. Brazier, Mr. J. P. Murphy, Mrs.
C. Hoppe, Mrs. William Stofft, Mrs.
William Morris.

District Steward—Mrs. Ed. Levis.

Recording Steward—Mrs. F. M.
Brazier.

Sunday School Superintendent—
Mr. J. P. Murphy.

President Epworth League—Mrs.
M. Hazleton.

President Junior League—Mrs. C.
W. Koehler.

Class Leader—Mrs. Ed. Levis.

Members Washington Street Church.

Brazier, Eva
Bennike, Jennie
Beneze, John
Benecke, Nellie
Carr, Mrs. Charles
Carsteen, Sarah C.
Colbert, Mr. J. L.
Colbert, Mrs. Lucy
Cope, Mrs. M. A.
Davis, Marie

Demuth, Emily
 Durham, Mrs. J. B.
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 Gunn, Mr. Calvin
 Gunn, Mrs. Mary
 Gunn, Ora
 Hazleton, Minnie
 Hazleton, Benj.
 Hazleton, Ethel
 Hazleton, John
 Hazleton, Herbert
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 Harris, Mrs. M. B.
 Harris, Maud
 Hofifne, Mrs. Cora
 Hoppe, Edith
 Johnson, Mrs. L. B.
 Johnston, Edward Hood
 Kohle, Mr.
 Kohle, Mrs.
 Kinney, Mrs. L.
 Kerrell, J. L.
 Kerrell, Mrs. Maggie
 Kerrell, Gusta
 Kerrell, Cleo
 Kerrell, Clara
 Kerrell, Fannie
 Koehler, Mrs. C. W.
 Levis, Mrs. Ed.
 Leigh, James
 Leigh, Loomis
 Leigh, L. M.
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 Young, Mrs. D. M.
 Yorby, Mrs. Bertha

East Alton M. E. Church.

East Alton Methodist Episcopal Church was organized September 10, 1899, by Rev. Josiah Able with eighteen members. The first place of meeting was in the town hall.

In 1903, under the pastorate of C. L. Peterson, the church costing \$1,800, was built. It was dedicated May 31, 1903.

The following have served as pastors: Rev. J. W. Able, Rev. J. T. Carson, Rev. C. Harmon, Rev. J. H. Borah, Rev. C. L. Peterson. Rev. Charles W. Koehler is the present pastor.

Services East Alton M. E. Church.

Preaching every Sabbath, 3 p. m.
 Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Ladies' Aid, second and fourth Wednesday, 2:30 p. m.

List of Official Members.

Trustees—G. E. Franklin, Mr. J. W. Robinson, J. F. Philbrick, Mr. L. A. Patterson, William Jones.

Stewards—Mrs. F. M. Scott, Mr. William Jones.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. F. M. Scott.

Class Leader—Mrs. J. E. Pierce.
 Members of East Alton Church.

Ballard, Mary E.
 Campbell, Elm. M.
 Campbell, H. G.
 Cooper, Mrs. Lena.
 Douglas, Mrs.
 DeSilva, Anna
 Ensly, J. W.

Ensly, Frank
 Franklin, George
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 Guerrant, R. A.
 Guerrant, Mrs. R. A.
 Hassman, Louis
 Hassman, Lydia
 Harper, Mrs. Susa
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 Jones, Flora
 Lawrence, L. J.
 Lancaster, Julia
 Lorton, B. T.
 Lofton, Mrs. A. E.
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 McCabe, Mrs. Frank
 Miller, Alice
 Marshall, Mrs.
 Miller, Wilson
 Miller, Nellie
 Mitchell, M. E.
 Owens, Mrs. Jennie
 Prevell, Mrs. Julia E.
 Patterson, L. A.
 Philbrick, Thomas
 Patterson, Mrs. L. A.
 Pierce, May
 Price, Mrs. E.
 Penning, Mrs. C. F.
 Patterson, Mrs. Lucy
 Robinson, J. W.
 Robinson, Mrs. J. W.
 Scott, Mrs. F. M.
 Scott, F. M.
 VanDover, Mattie
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 Watson, Mrs. Carrie
 Worthington, Edward
 Weber, George

